

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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-v-	:	15cr42 (DLC)
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SIMEON FRITH,	:	<u>Order</u>
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Defendant.	:	
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

Simeon Frith entered a plea of guilty on May 22, 2020. On August 7, this Court sentenced Frith principally to 84 months' imprisonment. Frith is 27 years old. The Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") projects that he will be released in December 2020. Frith is being held at the Metropolitan Detention Facility ("MDC") and will remain there in solitary confinement for the remainder of his sentence.

On August 28, Frith made a request of the warden of MDC for compassionate release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). As of the date of this Order, the warden has not responded to Frith's request. October 19, Frith moved this Court for compassionate release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). The Government opposes Frith's request.

Once a petitioner fulfills the statutory exhaustion requirement, the Court may reduce the petitioner's sentence, if after consideration of the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §

3553(a), it finds that "extraordinary and compelling reasons" warrant such a reduction. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i). As the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has explained, in the wake of the First Step Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-391, 132 Stat. 5194, district courts are tasked with "independently . . . determin[ing] what reasons, for purposes of compassionate release, are extraordinary and compelling." United States v. Brooker, 2020 WL 5739712, at \*5, --- F.3d ---- (2d Cir. Sept. 25, 2020) (citation omitted).

As set forth in § 3582, a petitioner fulfills the statutory exhaustion requirement if, inter alia, thirty days have elapsed since he requested compassionate release of the warden of his facility. Frith has therefore exhausted his administrative remedies.

Frith's petition is denied on the merits. Frith has not demonstrated that there are extraordinary and compelling reasons that justify a reduction of sentence or that the § 3553(a) factors counsel in favor of such a reduction.

Sentence was imposed just a few weeks ago. Frith engaged in violent crimes and the Court determined that his requested sentence of time-served would not be appropriate. The Court was aware at the time of the sentence that the pandemic and the other circumstances discussed at sentencing would have a


significant impact on the conditions of his confinement.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the October 19 motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A) is denied.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York  
October 20, 2020

  
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DENISE COTE  
United States District Judge